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## HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES IN THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI NORTHWEST, 1917-1919

The present survey includes the states of Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado. As no review was prepared in 1918, the period of time here considered is the biennium from October 1, 1917, to October 1, 1919. Although the war has undoubtedly brought about conditions which have limited historical activities and publication, it is to be noted that several new publications have been launched within the period and no historical magazine or series heretofore regularly published has been discontinued.

### PROGRESS AND ACTIVITIES OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

For the Minnesota historical society the biennium has been a notable one inasmuch as it has witnessed the occupation of the new historical building. The first books were moved into the new quarters on December 11, 1917, and by the following May the society was sufficiently settled to act as host for the Mississippi valley historical association, which held most of the sessions of its annual meeting in the building on May 9, 10, and 11, 1918. On May 11—the sixtieth anniversary of the admission of Minnesota to the union—the building was dedicated, the dedicatory address being delivered by Frederick Jackson Turner of Harvard university on the subject “Middle western pioneer democracy.”

Several changes and additions in the staff of the society have been noted. Miss Ethel B. Virtue, formerly of the staff of the historical department of Iowa, has accepted a position with the Minnesota historical society and is in charge of the manuscript department; Miss Ruth O. Roberts, formerly assistant in the museum of the Wisconsin historical society, has taken up her work as curator of the museum of the Minnesota historical society; other appointments to the staff are: Miss Ilona B. Schmidt as head cataloguer, Miss Elsa R. Nordin as catalogue

assistant, and Mr. Willoughby M. Babcock, Jr., as editorial assistant.

The *Twentieth biennial report* of the Minnesota historical society, issued recently, lists twenty-two persons as constituting the regular staff of the society at the beginning of the year 1919. The total number of books and pamphlets in the library is estimated at 131,046. An act of the legislature of the state of Minnesota, approved on April 4, 1919, authorizes the Minnesota historical society to act as custodian of the archives of the state, and considerable progress has been made in the transfer of archival material from the governor's office in the state capitol to quarters in the new fireproof building of the society. Local as well as state records will be received and as rapidly as possible put in systematic order, catalogued, and made available for use.

Mr. Dan E. Clark, who had been connected with the staff of the State historical society of Iowa for thirteen years, left the position of associate editor in 1918 to take up Red Cross work. The position was filled in September, 1919, by the appointment of Mr. John C. Parish, recently professor of history at Colorado college and formerly connected with the society. The usual activities and publications of the society have been continued, their nature and content, however, being somewhat modified to take cognizance of Iowa's part in the world war and in earlier wars. The society has made a large increase in membership in the past two years.

The historical department of Iowa, located at Des Moines, has continued its work of securing moving picture films of historic incidents. Mr. Edgar Harlan, curator of the department, has been energetic in fostering the establishment in Iowa of parks both for conservation and historic purposes.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the State historical society of Missouri was held at Columbia on January 8, 1918, the president of the society, Mr. Walter B. Stephens, opening the meeting with remarks on the significance of the day, the one-hundredth anniversary of the presentation to congress of Missouri's first petition for statehood. The sixteenth annual meeting, scheduled for December 13, 1918, was indefinitely postponed on account of the influenza epidemic. The secretary's statement,

however, in the *Missouri historical review*, gives indication of encouraging increases in membership, library accessions, and newspaper volumes, the last-mentioned department showing a growth for the biennium of twenty-six per cent. The society now has a library staff of six persons. A loss was sustained by the society in 1918 in the death at sea of Mr. Ivan Hollis Epperson, who was chief of the newspaper and document departments of the society until he entered the service of the United States in the winter of 1917.

The Missouri historical society held a special meeting at the Jefferson memorial building, St. Louis, on May 22, 1919. An illustrated lecture on the expedition of Lewis and Clark was given by Mr. Azel Hull Fish. That the valuable manuscript collections of this society have been of great use to historical students of the Mississippi valley is indicated by the material published in volume ix of the *South Dakota historical collections*, noticed below.

The Nebraska state historical society has begun a survey of the state for historical materials through field work carried on in the southeastern part of the state by Mr. Frank A. Harrison. In Nemaha county valuable records were discovered, including early official records, letters, maps, and civil war material.

In the fall of 1918, Mr. Addison E. Sheldon, secretary of the society, made a more extended field trip when he left for France, his mission being to study on the western front the part Nebraska was playing in the world war.

The society reported, in 1918, a membership of over eleven hundred persons, a museum of about forty thousand objects, a library of fifty-two thousand books and pamphlets, and ten thousand bound volumes of newspapers. Six members constitute its office staff.

The legislature of 1917 granted an appropriation of \$22,200 for the use of the society. Announcement has been made that volume xix of the *Publications* of the Nebraska state historical society is nearly ready to be distributed. The society has been actively engaged in preparation for the celebration on October 11, 1919, of the centennial of the founding by United States

troops of Fort Atkinson, for many years the westernmost outpost of the United States military force.

The Wyoming historical society has for long years suffered from a lack both of funds and of a permanent place of abode. The state librarian and ex officio custodian of the society in her last biennial report makes a plea for an appropriation of \$10,000 from the legislature. She states that in the process of being crowded out of one home after another the society has lost much valuable historical material. The appropriation of \$250 a year has not been changed since the society was created in 1895.

The Colorado state historical and natural history society has inaugurated a campaign for larger membership. The society moved a few years ago into a fine new historical building and can thus display and make available its valuable museum, library, and other collections. The last legislature granted to the society, beside the sums appropriated in previous years, \$6000 for the expenses of war history records, \$2000 for cataloguing collections, and \$2000 for an assistant curator. It also increased by \$500 the sum allowed for binding, and added a like sum to the incidental fund. These appropriations will enable the society to enlarge its activities.

In the biennium under review two meetings of the Mississippi valley historical association have occurred, both being held within the region under consideration in this article. The 1918 meeting took place at St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 9, 10, and 11, and the papers read at its sessions have for the most part been published in the *Proceedings* of the association; those bearing upon the trans-Mississippi northwest are mentioned in this review under "Publications of historical societies." The 1919 meeting was held at St. Louis, on May 8, 9, and 10. Among the papers which fall within the scope of this review are the following: *A frontier officer's old military order book*, by Louis Pelzer, referring to the manuscript volume containing the military orders of Colonel Henry Dodge from 1832 to 1836; *Steamboating on the upper Mississippi after the civil war*, by Lester B. Shippee; *Henry Hastings Sibley and the Minnesota frontier*, by Wilson P. Shortridge; and *What Iowa is doing to record recent war history*, by Benjamin F. Shambaugh.

## WAR HISTORY ACTIVITIES

In view of the increasing attention given to the collection and publication of war history material, it has been thought best to give a brief separate account of such activities. The state of Minnesota has been particularly active in this line. In August, 1918, the Minnesota commission of public safety authorized the establishment of a Minnesota war records commission. This body was appointed and began to organize the state for the collection of war history material. It has published two bulletins, entitled *A statewide movement for the collection and preservation of Minnesota war records* and *Minnesota's part in the war. Shall it be adequately recorded?* The legislature of the state in 1919 made the commission a statutory one with a membership composed of the president of the Minnesota historical society, the chairman of the department of history of the University of Minnesota, the adjutant-general, the state superintendent of education, and five other citizens to be appointed by the governor. Mr. Franklin F. Holbrook is secretary of the commission. The sum of \$10,000 for the biennium was appropriated for the use of the commission, and counties and municipalities in the state were also authorized to make appropriations for the use of the commission's county war records committees. The commission contemplates not only the collection of material but also the preparation and publication of a comprehensive documentary and narrative history of Minnesota's part in the war.

In Iowa three state agencies are engaged in war history activities. The last legislature created the Iowa war roster commission, consisting of the governor and adjutant-general of the state, and granted an appropriation of \$20,000 for the preparation and publication of a roster of Iowa soldiers, sailors, and marines in the recent Mexican border service and in the world war. The historical department of Iowa, at Des Moines, has been active in gathering information—through questionnaires and otherwise—in regard to Iowa soldiers. A special effort has been made to secure data upon the casualties among the men from the various Iowa counties. The state historical society has continued during the biennium its publication of the pamphlet series *Iowa and war*. Two numbers of this series are: *A tentative outline for a county war history* and *A tentative out-*

line for a state war history; upon the general plan of the latter outline the society contemplates the publication of a series of volumes dealing with Iowa's part in the war. One volume is nearly ready for the press.

In both Missouri and Nebraska provision has been made for the compilation and publication of rosters under the direction of the adjutant-general, in Nebraska an appropriation of \$25,000 having been made for that purpose. The secretary of the State historical society of Missouri has, since October, 1917, been publishing in the *Missouri historical review* a series of articles under the title "Missouri and war." Six numbers have appeared and they contain valuable information upon the part played by Missouri in the world war. The secretary of the Nebraska state historical society announced in January, 1919, that the society was gathering material for the publication of an account of the deeds of Nebraska men and women during the years of the war.

A war history commission for North Dakota has been appointed by the governor of the state, and an appropriation of \$2500 has been made for the purpose of collecting and publishing North Dakota war history materials. Mr. O. G. Libby of the University of North Dakota is chairman of the commission; and the other members are Mr. Charles F. Amidon of Fargo and Mr. Melvin R. Gilmore of Bismarck.

In Wyoming the war history work was assigned to a war history committee with Agnes R. Wright, state librarian and ex officio custodian of the Wyoming historical society, as chairman. The committee organized the state in September, 1918, for the collection of war history materials and the records of individual soldiers.

The Colorado state historical and natural history society has been granted an appropriation of \$6000 for war history work and is actively engaged in the collection of materials. Lists of men who entered the army or navy through induction were secured from the draft boards and questionnaires have been sent out for the purpose of gaining information on civilian war work as well as military and naval service. The records of the state war council have been turned over to the society. The collection of materials, with a view to ultimate publication, has also been

carried on by Mr. James F. Willard, editor of the *University of Colorado historical collections*.

Without doubt activities of which the writer has not received information are in progress in the states which are not mentioned in the above review.

#### PUBLICATIONS OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

The Minnesota historical society has issued regularly its quarterly publication, the *Minnesota history bulletin*. The issues for the past two years contain articles as follows: "Ole Rynning's true account of America," by Theodore C. Blegen; "James J. Hill," by Joseph G. Pyle; "The organization of the volunteer army in 1861 with special reference to Minnesota," by John D. Hicks; "Social and economic effects of the civil war with special reference to Minnesota," by Lester B. Shippee; "The influence of geographic factors in the development of Minnesota," by Chessley J. Posey; "Dakota portraits," by Stephen R. Riggs; "America's fight for public opinion," by Guy Stanton Ford; "William Gates Le Duc," by Gideon S. Ives; and "The birth notices of a state," by Herbert C. Varney. The society has also issued its *Twentieth biennial report*, covering the years 1917 and 1918.

The State historical society of Iowa has published in the past two years the following volumes: *Marches of the dragoons in the Mississippi valley*,<sup>1</sup> by Louis Pelzer; *History of economic legislation in Iowa*,<sup>2</sup> by Ivan L. Pollock; *Legal and political status of women in Iowa*,<sup>3</sup> by Ruth A. Gallaher; *The Spirit Lake Massacre*,<sup>4</sup> by Thomas Teakle; *Old Fort Snelling, 1819-1858*,<sup>5</sup> by Marcus L. Hansen; and two volumes in the *Iowa biographical series*: *James Baird Weaver*,<sup>6</sup> by Fred Emory Haynes, and *William Peters Hepburn*,<sup>7</sup> by John E. Briggs.

The small pamphlet series published by the society under the

<sup>1</sup> Reviewed *ante*, 5: 230.

<sup>2</sup> Reviewed *ante*, 5: 494 ff.

<sup>3</sup> Reviewed in this number.

<sup>4</sup> Reviewed *ante*, 5: 496.

<sup>5</sup> To be reviewed later.

<sup>6</sup> To be reviewed later.

<sup>7</sup> To be reviewed later.



title *Iowa and war* has been continued by the issuance of numbers 5 to 21 with the titles: *Iowa and war*, by Cyril B. Upham; *Sanitary fairs—a method of raising funds for relief work in Iowa during the civil war*, by Earl S. Fullbrook; *Old Fort Madison*, by Jacob Van der Zee; *The State university of Iowa and the civil war*, by Mrs. Ellen M. Rich; *The Black Hawk war*, by Jacob Van der Zee; *Border defense in Iowa during the civil war*, by Dan E. Clark; *The Spirit Lake massacre*, by Dan E. Clark; *The Mexican war*, by Cyril B. Upham; *Iowa war proclamations*; *An Iowa flag*, by Ruth A. Gallaher; *The first three liberty loans in Iowa*, by Nathaniel R. Whitney; *Social work at Camp Dodge*; *Organized speaking in Iowa during the war*, by Bertha M. H. Shambaugh; *The State historical society of Iowa in war times*, by Benjamin F. Shambaugh; *The history of Iowa's part in the world war*; *A tentative outline for a county war history*; and *A tentative outline for a state war history*. The society plans to add three numbers at an early date, thus completing the second volume.

In the *Iowa journal of history and politics* for the period under review, the following articles have appeared: "The Iowa war loan of 1861," by Ivan L. Pollock; "The legislation of the thirty-seventh general assembly of Iowa," by Frank E. Horack; "Arms and equipment for the Iowa troops in the civil war," by Cyril B. Upham; "State finances in Iowa during the civil war," by Ivan L. Pollock; "Early reports concerning the Des Moines river"; "Relief work in Iowa during the civil war," by Earl S. Fullbrook; "The death of General Albert Sidney Johnston on the battlefield of Shiloh," by Joseph W. Rich; "Frontier defense in Iowa, 1850-1865," by Dan Elbert Clark; "The ages of the soldiers in the civil war," by W. W. Gist; "The influence of wheat and cotton on Anglo-American relations during the civil war," by Louis Bernard Schmidt; "Social work at Camp Dodge," by Fred E. Haynes; "The speaker of the house of representatives in Iowa," by Cyril B. Upham; "The American occupation of Iowa, 1833 to 1860," by Cardinal Goodwin; "Historical survey of civic instruction and training for citizenship in Iowa," by Clarence Ray Aurner; "The president of the senate in Iowa," by Cyril B. Upham; "Historical survey of the militia

in Iowa, 1838-1865," by Cyril B. Upham; and "The movement of American settlers into Wisconsin and Minnesota," by Cardinal Goodwin.

The historical department of Iowa, located at Des Moines, has issued no numbers of its quarterly, *Annals of Iowa*, during the past two years. In 1918 it published *Iowa authors and their works—a contribution toward a bibliography*, by Alice Marple, assistant curator of the department.

During the period from 1917 to 1919 the Missouri historical society, located at St. Louis, has issued no historical publications. The State historical society of Missouri, located at Columbia and housed in the new library building of the University of Missouri, has issued its regular quarterly publication, the *Missouri historical review*. The issues are largely taken up with the following continued articles: "How Missouri counties, towns and streams were named," by David W. Eaton; "Gottfried Duden's 'Report,' 1824-1827," translated by William G. Bek; "Missouri and the war," by Floyd C. Shoemaker; "Missouri-Montana highways," by H. A. Trexler; "Missourians abroad," contributed by various writers and dealing with the services of George Creel, E. H. Crowder, G. W. P. Hunt, Edward R. Stettinius, David R. Francis, and Robert E. Coontz; "Early days on Grand river and the Mormon war," by Rollin J. Britton. A series of occupational retrospects includes the following numbers: "The Missouri soldier one hundred years ago," by William R. Gentry; "The Missouri merchant one hundred years ago," by J. B. White; and "The lawyer in Missouri one hundred years ago," by John F. Philips. Mr. Floyd C. Shoemaker contributes two memorial articles—appreciations of Francis A. Sampson, for many years secretary of the state historical society, and Judge John F. Philips. Other articles are: "The national railroad convention in St. Louis, 1849," by R. S. Cotterill; "History of the state flag of Missouri," by Robert Burret Oliver; "Missouri capitals and capitols," by Jonas Viles; "The *Missouri Intelligencer and Boon's Lick Advertiser*," by E. W. Stephens; and "Missouri's centennial," by Floyd C. Shoemaker.

The Kansas state historical society published, in 1918, volume xiv of the *Kansas historical collections*. It is issued as a double

number to cover a period of four years—1915 to 1918. About forty articles are contained in the volume, including a number of short biographies as well as addresses and accounts of the early history of Kansas. Source material is represented by "Some Ingalls letters," "Dr. Albert Morrall: pro-slavery soldier in Kansas in 1856. Statement and autobiography," "The civil war diary of John Howard Kitts," and "Letters concerning the Presbyterian mission in the Pawnee country, near Bellevue, Neb., 1838-1849." Among the more important articles are: "Campaigning in the army of the border," by Albert Robinson Greene; "Notes on the early Indian occupancy of the great plains," by William E. Connelley; "The Kansas penitentiary," by Frank M. Gable; and "The prairie band of Pottawatomie Indians," by William E. Connelley.

A new historical magazine appeared in the field in 1918. Under the title *Nebraska history*, the Nebraska state historical society launched a monthly journal in February, 1918, with the idea of making it a piece of popular literature as distinguished from the academic type of publication. It is edited by A. E. Sheldon, secretary of the society. At the beginning of the second volume—in January, 1919—it was changed to a quarterly and enlarged. It contains articles, comments, reprints, notes, some poetry, and many illustrations. In the first number is a brief sketch of the Nebraska state historical society, and among other items a reprint of materials on "The first war on the Nebraska frontier." Succeeding issues contain: "The union club—civil war substitute for council of defense," "Stories of early Nemaha county settlers," "The Platte river," giving a partial list of names by which the Platte has been known in the past; "Nebraska in 1864-1867," "The French settlement at Julian," "Fort Mitchell cemetery," "Nebraska's dead," "Base hospital 49," "Ancient Pawnee medal," and a continuing account of the "Passing of Nebraska pioneers."

Volume XVIII of the *Publications* of the Nebraska state historical society<sup>8</sup> appeared in the latter part of 1917 under the editorship of Albert Watkins, historian of the society. The frontispiece is a portrait of the late Clarence S. Paine, for many years the secretary of the society; and the first article is "In memo-

<sup>8</sup> Reviewed *ante*, 5: 500.

riam—Clarence S. Paine,” by John L. Webster, president of the society. The volume contains the proceedings of the society for the years from 1908 to 1917; biographies of James B. Kitchen, Jefferson H. Broady, and Lorenzo Crounse; and the following historical papers: “Acknowledging God in constitutions,” by Reverend William Murphy; “Nebraska reminiscences,” by William M. DeCoursey French; “The rural carrier of 1849,” by John K. Sheen; “Trailing Texas long-horn cattle through Nebraska,” by James H. Cook; “Neapolis, near-capital,” by Albert Watkins; “Controversy in the senate over the admission of Nebraska,” by John Lee Webster; and “How Nebraska was brought into the union,” by Albert Watkins. The first four named appear in the proceedings; the last three are formal papers in the back of the volume.

Another new historical publication is to be noted from Nebraska. The first volume of *Reminiscences and proceedings* of the Nebraska territorial pioneers’ association has appeared under the editorship of Minnie P. Knotts. Among its articles are: “When the town of Lancaster was changed to Lincoln,” by J. C. F. McKesson; “The feast of Mondamin,” by M. A. Brown; “Early days in Nebraska,” by Mrs. Fred Goosman; “Nebraska’s pioneers in history,” by Mrs. Minnie P. Knotts; and “Reminiscences of government surveying,” by Robert Harvey.

In 1918 appeared volume ix of the *South Dakota historical collections*. The most notable contribution to this volume is an abstract, made by Charles E. DeLand, of the journal kept at Fort Tecumseh and Fort Pierre on the upper Missouri river for portions of the years 1830, 1831, 1832, and 1833, and of letter books for periods extending down to 1848. The abstracts were made from the originals on file in the collections of the Missouri historical society at St. Louis. Other contributions to the volume are: “Dakota’s first soldier,” a history of the first Dakota cavalry, 1862-1865, by A. M. English; “The Lesueur tradition,” by Doane Robinson; an article entitled “Ending the outbreak,” dealing with the Sioux uprising of 1862; “Sioux games,” by James R. Walker; and “Lewis and Clark in South Dakota,” by Doane Robinson.

A volume of *Wyoming historical society miscellanies*, 1919, has recently been issued. Its contents are as follows: “Some

of the early newspapers of Wyoming," by W. E. Chaplin; a letter from John H. Gordon on "Wheatland colony"; "The true story of the Lost Cabin mines"; a copy of a letter written by S. V. Miller, from Salem, Oregon, November 24, 1852; "The Texas trail," by John B. Kendrick; and a "Letter written for the Cheyenne industrial club by Hiram B. Kelly." There has also appeared the *Biennial report* of the Wyoming historical society for the period from October 1, 1916, to October 1, 1918.

Although Colorado is a fertile field for the historian and valuable materials for publication have in fact been collected by the curator of the Colorado state historical and natural history society, the state has not given to the society sufficient support to enable it to issue an historical quarterly or other formal publication. The society has, however, issued a series of small leaflets. One of these gives a general statement concerning the purposes and collections of the society. Others deal with the historical and scientific collections and the arrangements of the exhibits of the society.

Articles in the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL REVIEW which treat of the region under consideration are: "A larger view of the Yellowstone expedition, 1819-1820," by Cardinal Goodwin; "A plan for the union of British North America and the United States," by Theodore C. Blegen; "The first railroad between the Mississippi and Lake Superior," by Lester B. Shippee; and "Early agitation for a Pacific railroad, 1845-1850," by Robert S. Cotterill. Among the notes and documents printed in the same periodical the following concern the trans-Mississippi northwest: "A reconsideration of gold discoveries in the northwest," by William Trimble; "A letter from New Madrid, 1789"; "Letters of John Ball, 1832-1833," dealing with experiences on the Wyeth expedition; "A fragmentary journal of William L. Sublette," covering the months of May and part of June, 1843.

The *Proceedings* of the Mississippi valley historical association for 1916-1917 and 1917-1918, published in October, 1918, and May, 1919, as extra numbers of the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL REVIEW, contain several articles which are of interest to the region under survey. They are as follows: "Fur trading companies in the northwest, 1760-1816," by Wayne E. Stevens; "Six constitutions of the far northwest," by John D. Hicks;

“Popular sovereignty and the colonization of Kansas from 1854 to 1860,” by William O. Lynch; “Missouri in the Kansas struggle,” by Mary J. Klem; “The collapse of the steamboat traffic upon the Mississippi: an inquiry into causes,” by Paul W. Brown; and “The evolution of Montana agriculture in its early period,” by M. L. Wilson.

There are no articles in the last two volumes of the *American historical review* which concern the trans-Mississippi northwest. Under the department of “Documents,” however, in the number for January, 1919, is a series contributed by Walter B. Douglas, which throws considerable light upon the career of Captain Nathaniel Pryor, a member of the Lewis and Clark expedition. These documents cover the years from 1819 to 1831 and disprove the theory that a Nathaniel Pryor who arrived in California with the Patties in 1828 was the same individual as the Pryor of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

#### OTHER HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS

In four of the commonwealths beyond the Mississippi, state histories have been issued in the last two years. In each case it has been a private undertaking, not a historical society publication. *Minnesota, the star of the north*,<sup>9</sup> by Mary Vance Carney, is a school history of the state. *A history of Missouri*,<sup>10</sup> by Eugene M. Violette, fills the need for a new manual of Missouri history and provides a book of reference to be used in the high schools of the state in connection with courses in American history. *A standard history of Kansas and Kansans* is a more comprehensive work in five volumes issued by the Lewis publishing company; the author is William E. Connelley, secretary of the Kansas state historical society. *A history of Wyoming* in three volumes has been issued under the editorship of I. S. Bartlett. It is published by the S. J. Clarke publishing company, Chicago.

A considerable body of material relating to the Indians of the northwest has appeared in the last two years. Among the books falling wholly or in part in this field are: *Agriculture of the Hidatsa Indians, an Indian interpretation*, by Gilbert Liv-

<sup>9</sup> Noticed *ante*, 6: 303.

<sup>10</sup> Reviewed *ante*, 5: 497.

ingstone Wilson (Minneapolis); *Corn among the Indians of the upper Missouri*, by George F. Will and George E. Hyde (St. Louis); *John P. Williamson, a brother to the Sioux*, by Winifred W. Barton (New York); *Indian heroes and chieftains*, by Charles A. Eastman (Boston); *The American Indians north of Mexico*, by William H. Miner (Cambridge); *Our debt to the red man*, by Louise Seymour Houghton (Boston); *Teepee neighbors*, by Grace Coolidge (Boston); *Boys' book of Indian warriors and heroic Indian women*, by Edwin L. Sabin (Philadelphia); and *General Crook and the fighting Apaches*, by Edwin L. Sabin (Philadelphia). *Bulletin 61* of the Bureau of American ethnology is a volume by Frances Densmore on *Teton Sioux music*.<sup>11</sup> *The path on the rainbow*, edited by George W. Cronyn (New York), is an addition to anthologies of North American Indian songs and chants. *The American Indian: an introduction to the anthropology of the new world*,<sup>12</sup> by Clark Wissler, is a general treatise but contains material of value to the student of the Indians of the plains area.

In the field of periodical literature, the *American Indian magazine* for October-December, 1917, is a special Sioux number; the February, 1918, number of the *Minnesota law review* contains an article on "Indian land titles in Minnesota," by Gordon Cain; and in *Autumn leaves* for July, 1918, is a brief article on "Indian relics in Iowa." The January, 1918, number of the *Journal of the United States cavalry association* contains an article on "The battle of Slim Buttes," fought against the Sioux Indians in 1876. The May-June, 1918, number of *North woods* (St. Paul) contains an article entitled "What forestry has done for the Chippewa Indians," by General C. C. Andrews; and in the *American anthropologist* for October-December, 1918, is an article by George Bird Grinnell on "Early Cheyenne villages."

Several biographical and autobiographical volumes deserve notice in this review. *A life of James J. Hill*,<sup>13</sup> by Joseph Gilpin Pyle has recently appeared. *My story*, an autobiography of General Anson Mills, U. S. A., tells of General Crook's cam-

<sup>11</sup> Reviewed *ante*, 6: 141.

<sup>12</sup> Reviewed *ante*, 5: 352.

<sup>13</sup> Reviewed *ante*, 5: 223.

paigns of 1875 and 1876 against the Sioux in the territories of Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana. *A son of the middle border*, by Hamlin Garland, is an autobiographical volume depicting life in Iowa during the period following the civil war. *Tributes to Henry Wallace* is a volume of appreciations of the life of the late editor of *Wallace's farmer*. There has also been recently published, under the title *Uncle Henry's own story*, a collection of intimate letters written by Henry Wallace to his great-grandchildren.

Among recent books which concern the western part of the upper Mississippi valley are the following: *The fur trade of North America and some of the men who made it and maintain it*, by Albert Lord Belden (New York); *The political history of the public lands from 1840 to 1862*,<sup>14</sup> by George M. Stephenson; *The valley of democracy*, by Meredith Nicholson (New York); *Fourth street*, by A. J. Russell (Minneapolis), the history of a street in Minneapolis for long years devoted to the newspaper profession; *A study of state aid to public schools in Minnesota*,<sup>15</sup> by Raymond Asa Kent; *Final report of the international joint commission on the Lake of the Woods reference* (Washington and Ottawa); *A history of Clay and Norman counties, Minnesota; their people, industries, and institutions*, edited by John Turner and C. K. Semling (Indianapolis); *Iowa stories*, book two, by Clarence Ray Aurner (Iowa City); *A brief history of Malvern*, by John D. Paddock (Malvern, Iowa); and *The early history of Grand Forks, North Dakota*, by H. V. Arnold (Larimore, North Dakota). *Bulletin* number 12 of the *Nebraska historical and political science series* is a monograph by Knute Emil Carlson on *The exercise of the veto power in Nebraska*. An interesting study of religious affairs in the western states is found in *Frontier missionary problems; their character and solution*, by Bruce Kinney (New York). *The land grant of 1862 and the land-grant colleges*, by Benjamin F. Andrews, constitutes number 13 of the *Bulletins* of the United States bureau of education for 1918, and contains historical material on the northwestern states.

Among the volumes which have been published by the Yale

<sup>14</sup> Reviewed in this number.

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university press in the series of *Chronicles of America*, the following are of especial interest to the trans-Mississippi northwest: *The red man's continent: a chronicle of aboriginal America*,<sup>16</sup> by Ellsworth Huntington; *Crusaders of New France: a chronicle of the fleur-de-lis in the wilderness*,<sup>17</sup> by William Bennett Munro; *The conquest of New France: a chronicle of the colonial wars*,<sup>18</sup> by George M. Wrong; *The old northwest: a chronicle of the Ohio valley and beyond*,<sup>19</sup> by Frederic Austin Ogg; *The reign of Andrew Jackson: a chronicle of the frontier in politics*,<sup>20</sup> by Frederic Austin Ogg; *The forty-niners: a chronicle of the California trail and El Dorado*,<sup>21</sup> by Stewart Edward White; *The passing of the frontier: a chronicle of the old west*,<sup>22</sup> by Emerson Hough; *The anti-slavery crusade: a chronicle of the gathering storm*,<sup>23</sup> by Jesse Macy; and *Abraham Lincoln and the union: a chronicle of the embattled north*,<sup>24</sup> by Nathaniel W. Stephenson.

Among the magazines there is much material of interest to the region under review. The *Saturday evening post* has recently been running a series of articles by Emerson Hough and others on historic trails and other topics of interest to the west. The *Nation* for June 7, 1919, has an article by Isaac Joslin Cox on "Mississippi valley history." In its series of "State builders of the west," the *Western magazine* has recently printed sketches of four governors of Minnesota: Stephen Miller, William R. Marshall, Cushman K. Davis, and John Sargent Pillsbury. The *Journal of geography* for February, 1918, contains "A comparison of transportation on the Mississippi basin rivers and the Great lakes," by A. E. Parkins. "The northeastern Minnesota forest fires of October 12, 1918," by H. W. Richardson, is a report appearing in the *Geographical review* for April, 1919. "A history of medicine in Iowa," by D. S. Fairchild, covering the period from 1820 to 1840, appears in the September,

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1918, issue of the *Journal of the Iowa state medical society*. The January-March, 1919, number of *Iowa conservation* contains the following: "Historical sketch of the park region about McGregor, Iowa, and Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin," by Althea R. Sherman; "What the legislature did with reference to state parks in Iowa," by L. H. Pammel; and "A method of preserving places of historical and natural interest," by G. Perle Wilson Schmidt. "Roosevelt's ranch life in North Dakota," is described by Albert T. Vollweiler in the October, 1918, number of the *Quarterly journal* of the University of North Dakota. "Montana" is the subject of an article by Grant E. Finch in the *Journal of geography* for April, 1918.

A notable addition to the materials on the history of the state of Colorado is promised in the publication of the *University of Colorado historical collections*, under the editorship of James F. Willard, head of the department of history. The first volume was issued in 1918 and contains about four hundred pages of documents on *The Union colony at Greeley, Colorado, 1869-1871*,<sup>25</sup> with an introduction by the editor. The plan of the *Collections* is to publish "documents and other material primarily relating to the history of Colorado," and after the colony series—which will include several volumes—is completed, subjects coming within the period prior to Colorado's admission as a state will be dealt with.

The list of doctoral dissertations in history in progress in December, 1917, includes the following which presumably should contain material of interest to the region covered by this review: "The woolen industry in the Mississippi valley prior to the introduction of the factory system," by H. H. Bass (Harvard); "The relations between the public domain and the cattle industry in the United States," by W. M. Babcock, Jr. (Harvard); "The history of the meat-packing industry in the United States," by E. H. Hahne (Harvard); "A history of the whig party in the northwest from 1840," by W. O. Lynch (Harvard); "Western state making, 1888-1890," by J. D. Hicks (Wisconsin); "American exploration and travel in the far west, 1821-1849," by J. J. Hill (California); "The early history of the education of women in the northwest," by A. E. Stanley (Chicago);

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“Migrations to the northwest, 1830-1850,” by J. C. Bell, Jr. (Columbia); “The history of protestant missions to the Sioux and Chippewa Indians,” by L. F. Jackson (Harvard); “Organized railroad booking in the Mississippi valley, 1837-1857,” by R. S. Cotterill (Wisconsin); “Disunion sentiment in the northwest, 1860-1861,” by H. C. Hubbard (Chicago); “The railroad history of the granger northwest, 1850-1873,” by Frederick Merk (Harvard); “The social and economic development of Minnesota, 1867-1880,” by Gladys C. Blakely (Minnesota); “The historical geography of St. Paul,” by C. J. Posey (Chicago); “The historical geography of the Ozark region of Missouri,” by C. O. Sauer (Chicago); and “The Mennonites of Kansas,” by H. E. Jensen (Chicago).

#### ACQUISITION OF SOURCE MATERIALS

Numerous items of value have been acquired recently by the Minnesota historical society. The family of the late General William G. LeDuc has presented to the society a collection of manuscripts, printed material, and museum items illustrating the period from 1838 to 1905. Other collections received recently are: a body of printed and manuscript material from the estate of the late Major William D. Hale, civil war veteran; the papers of William S. King, and of the pioneer missionary, the Reverend T. S. Williamson; a collection of papers of Joseph R. and Samuel J. Brown; material from the estate of the late Major Thomas Perry Wilson of St. Paul, including manuscript records kept during the civil war. Several interesting diaries and autobiographical accounts have been received, including the civil war diary of John Kinsley Wood covering the years 1862-1865; a copy of the journal of Dr. William D. Dibb, government physician and surgeon with the Fisk expeditions of 1862, 1863, and 1864; and two small manuscript volumes containing an account by the Reverend Samuel W. Pond of his experiences as a missionary among the Dakota Indians in Minnesota, the period covered being from 1831 to about 1880. A collection of about four hundred Pond letters is being photostated for the society's collection. The society has also been able to make a photostat copy of a journal of an overland trip by Benjamin Densmore in 1857 from St. Paul to Ottertail lake by way of Little Falls and

Long Prairie. A three-volume narrative of the civil war, compiled by Colonel J. C. Donahower of the second Minnesota volunteers, and a collection of letters of General LeRoy Upton, commander of the ninth infantry at Chateau-Thierry and of the fifty-seventh brigade in the Argonne, have been acquired by the society. It has also recently come into possession of the archives of the surveyors-general of logs of Minnesota for the first and second districts, 1854-1917.

Among the items received by the State historical society of Iowa are a collection of letters and clippings of Samuel J. Kirkwood, civil war governor of Iowa, donated by Mrs. Kirkwood; the papers of the Bradford academy association; and a large body of records and reports from the office of camp utilities of Camp Dodge, Iowa, giving invaluable data in regard to the construction and maintenance of the national army cantonment at which the eighty-eighth division was trained. Two valuable civil war manuscripts have been acquired by the society: one is a diary kept by Colonel John W. Noble of the third Iowa cavalry during the years 1862 to 1865; the other is an account by Colonel Edward F. Winslow, covering the same years and many of the same events inasmuch as Winslow was for a large part of the time in command of a brigade which included the regiment of Colonel Noble. Both Noble and Winslow played an important part in public affairs after the war, the latter as a president of various railroads, the former as a lawyer and secretary of the interior in President Harrison's cabinet.

The Missouri historical society of St. Louis has recently come into possession of a collection of more than a thousand items of the personal and business correspondence of George P. Harrington, assistant secretary of the treasury, 1861-1865, minister from the United States to Switzerland, 1865-1869. The publication of these letters in a volume is contemplated by the society. The society has also acquired letters and autographed engravings of most of the signers of the declaration of independence; a minute book of the court of common pleas of St. Clair county, Indiana territory, held at Cahokia, 1801-1805; and a collection of the original manuscripts of the writings of James O. Broadhead, many of which were unpublished. The collection includes also a large number of private letters covering a period

of a half century. This body of letters is particularly valuable as regards events in Missouri during the period 1860 to 1865. Other recent acquisitions of the Missouri historical society are the private papers of Don Carlos Dehault De Lassus, last Spanish governor of upper Louisiana, and a collection of papers of Frederick Bates, secretary of Louisiana and Missouri territories and later governor of Missouri.

The Colorado state historical and natural history society reports that it is making progress in organizing a card catalogue of its collection of letters, diaries, and accounts by early settlers. The society has valuable material of this nature, throwing light on the exploration and settlement of Colorado and the Rocky mountain region, and this material will now become available to the public.

#### CELEBRATIONS, PAGEANTS, AND THE MARKING OF HISTORIC SITES

The fifty-sixth anniversary of the Sioux outbreak of 1862 was commemorated by the Fort Ridgely state park and historical association at the park grounds on the Minnesota river on August 22, 1918.

An historical pageant of Clay county, Iowa, in which five hundred persons took part, was presented at Spencer, Iowa, on September 25, 1918. The pageant, directed by Miss Etta Smith, represented five scenes from as many historical periods. Representations of Indian life, the arrival of the pioneers, agriculture in the early days, present day scenes in Clay county, and Clay county's part in the world war were parts of the program.

The State historical society of Missouri has been actively preparing for a celebration of the anniversaries of events connected with Missouri's admission as a state. A pamphlet on *Missourians one hundred years ago*, by Walter B. Stephens, president of the society, was recently distributed over the state to schools and libraries. The society held its fifteenth annual meeting on January 8, 1918, the one hundredth anniversary of the presentation in congress of Missouri's petition for statehood, and is bending its energies toward assisting the centennial committee—composed of one thousand Missourians—to organize six state-wide centennial celebrations in the years 1920 and 1921.

The Missouri press association held a memorial celebration on

May 9, 1919, at New Franklin, Missouri, to commemorate the founding of the *Missouri Intelligencer and Boon's Lick Advertiser*. This was the first American newspaper printed west of St. Louis, its first issue appearing on April 23, 1819. A monument of stone, indicating the site of the *Missouri Intelligencer* office, was dedicated at this centennial celebration of Missouri's pioneer country newspaper.

A celebration commemorating the Indian battle at Oak Grove station was held in Nuckols county, Nebraska, on June 14, 1918. Oak Grove was a station on the old California trail and was attacked by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians on August 7, 1864. The celebration was under the direction of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the program included the unveiling of a monument commemorative of the occasion, the presentation address being made by Mr. A. E. Sheldon, secretary of the Nebraska state historical society.

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